

Deposit of night soil in Kuttanelloor.

454. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have received any complaints from the people of Kuttanelloor in the Trichur Taluk regarding the deposit of night soil in the vicinity of the temple and the temple tank ;

(b) the exact distance from the temple to the place where the night soil is deposited ;

(c) is not this place just opposite to the temple and situated on a higher level than the temple ;

(d) who was the night soil contractor who undertook this work ;

(e) what action has the Government taken regarding the complaint ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The exact distance is not ascertained. The temple is nearly 4 furlongs to the east of the trenching ground.

(c) Yes.

(d) Mr. C. Barton Wright as Managing Director of the Cochin Orchards and Canneries, Ltd.

(e) The complaint was forwarded to the Chairman, who reported that he was addressing the Company to abate the nuisance.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know when the complaint was forwarded to the Chairman ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It was forwarded on the 7th of March 1929.

Tanahdars and Watchers in the Forest Department.

455. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total number of Tanahdars and Watchers in the Forest Department ;

(b) the number of such persons who have put in more than ten years' service ;

(c) the number that have put in more than fifteen years' service ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Tanahdars 27. Watchers 89.

(b) and (c). Their appointments are temporary. The information called for is not, therefore, available.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not Tanahdars and Watchers who have put in more than 10 years' continued service?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I cannot say without the records. I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I have asked that question. That is in the question itself. This is no fresh question or supplementary question. I want to know whether there are Tanahdars and Watchers who were in the service for 10 years.

President.—‘The information called for is not available’ is the answer given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will there not be some records?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No Service Books were maintained.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was no enquiry made about this?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—There are no records; then how can enquiries be made?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Without the records, is it not possible to say whether a Tanahdar was in the service for 10 years?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The Tanahdar might say so. But we do not know.

President.—We are not here to discuss the correctness of the answer given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Some amount is paid every month, every year, by bills. Cannot we know from such bills whether they were in the service for so many years?

President.—You mean ‘pay bills’. For how many years are pay bills preserved?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—How long they were in the service I cannot say. As for the pay bills they are destroyed after three years.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will there not be accounts of the pay bills or the pay given in the Taluk? I want an answer from the Government to my question.

Consumption of fuel by factories and the Tram.

456. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) the total number of Tile Factories in the State;
- (b) the total number of Boilers working in the State;
- (c) the average consumption of fuel per month by
 - (1) all these Factories and
 - (2) that by the Boilers;
- (d) the consumption per month by the Tram;